



## COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS

Tuesday, July 6, 2021 5:30 PM

**VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING**

### Meeting Minutes

#### Board Members in Attendance:

*Krystal Gomez, Chair*

*Adrian De La Rosa*

*Rennison Lalgee*

*Kate Lincoln-Goldfinch*

*Mehraz Rahman*

*Joseph Ramirez-Hernandez*

*Juan Vences-Benitez*

#### Board Members not in Attendance:

*Nicole Merritt, Vice-Chair*

*Karen Crawford*

*Montserrat Garibay*

*Glenn Rosales*

#### Staff in Attendance:

Sinying Chan, Staff Liaison & Health Equity Unit Program Coordinator/APH

### CALL TO ORDER

#### 1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

#### 2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 7, 2021

- Rennison moved to postpone approval of June minutes; Adrian seconded; all in favor

#### 3. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS:

**A. Interim Chief of Police, Joseph Chacon, Sadot Azzua, Austin Police Department (APD) Neighborhood Liaison, and other members of APD to discuss: (1) U-Visa Numbers and Policy, (2) Freedom Cities Resolutions Reports, and (3) new APD initiatives and policies**

**B. Faisal Al-Juburi, RAICES, history in Austin and anticipated scope of work**

- Faisal was having technical difficulties and trying to reconnect; Kate moved to move Faisal to the bottom of New Business to let him reconnect; Adrian seconded; all in favor
- Presenter was not able to present due to technical difficulties



**C. Update from Rocio Villalobos on her work with the Equity Office**

- Two naturalization ceremonies will be happening in July at the Twin Oaks Branch Library; with library card and voter registrations and COVID-19 vaccine administration
- Immigrant Integration Mini Grant will be launched tomorrow on 7/7/21
- Talks and meetings on enhanced library cards are still going on; still need to follow up with City Legal

**D. Vote on a representative to attend Austin Public Health Asian Pacific Islander Task Force meetings**

- Adrian moved to have Rennison be the representative; Kate seconded; all in favor

**E. Discussion and possible action regarding the Commission on Immigrant Affairs Yearly Report**

- Krystal will send out future goals for the commission to staff liaison to forward to all commissioners for feedbacks
- Mehrnaz will help Krystal with the writing

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Budget updates**

- No budget updates

**B. Report back from ISNA and the RST quarterly consultations**

- No updates

**C. Joint Inclusion Committee meeting update – Karen**

- No updates

**D. Update of Texas Legislative session – Krystal**

- In special session; no information on anything immigrant related

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Have APD come present quarterly
- Check if RAICES would like to come present next month

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**ADJOURNMENT**

- Kate moved to adjourn; Adrian seconded; all in favor



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